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# BATMAN

**BATMAN**  
and **ROBIN**  
BATTLE THE APE  
WITH A HUMAN  
BRAIN--WHEN  
*The KING of  
the CONGO*

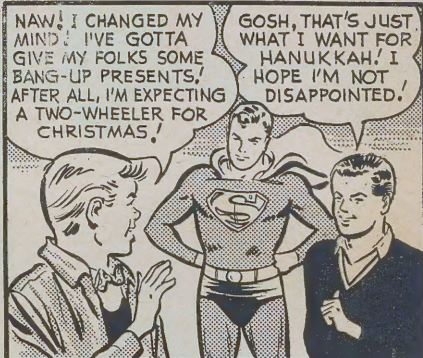
BECOMES  
"The GORILLA BOSS  
of GOTHAM  
CITY!!!"





# SUPERBOY

## TALKS ABOUT... "The HOLIDAY SPIRIT!"





# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

BOB  
KANE



AROUND THE COUNTRY  
YOU HEAR ABOUT TOWNS THAT  
ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TOUGH--TOWNS WITH  
A HARDENED CRIMINAL ELEMENT--TOWNS NOTED FOR  
THEIR FLARING CRIME WARS. WELL, THE TOUGHEST OF THEM  
COULDN'T COMPARE WITH THE TOWN YOU'LL MEET IN OUR STORY--  
A TOWN UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME! THIS IS THE TOWN  
THAT MOCKS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! THIS IS THE TOWN THAT  
CHALLENGED THE VAUNTED LAWMEN TO THE BATTLE OF THEIR  
LIVES! YES-- THIS IS THE TOWN CALLED...

**"OUTLAW  
TOWN,  
U.S.A.!"**



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HEY, BLINKERS!  
WHY SO BUSY?  
NEW CUSTOMERS  
COMIN'?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR?  
THE JENKO BROTHERS  
KNOCKED OFF TWO  
COPS IN GOTHAM CITY.  
THEY'RE GONNA HOLE  
OUT HERE TILL THE  
HEAT BLOWS OVER.



YES, SILVER VEIN HAS EVERYTHING--  
NEWSPAPERS, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS,  
THEATRES--EVERYTHING **BUT LAW!**



HA-HA! WE'RE HANGING  
**BATMAN** IN EFFIGY!  
DON'T THAT DUMMY  
LOOK GOOD?

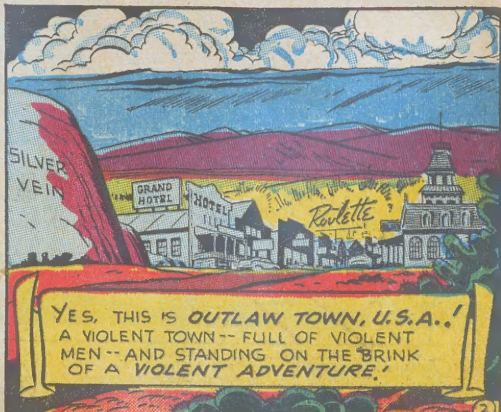
HOW COULD A TOWN LIKE THIS COME INTO BEING?  
COME DOWN TO THE SALOON, AND FIND OUT!



YEAH, BOYD.  
FOR SIXTY  
YEARS, THIS  
TOWN LAY DEAD--  
A GHOST TOWN WITHOUT  
AN OCCUPANT! THEN  
A COUPLE OF US BOYS  
GOT THE IDEA OF TAKIN'  
IT OVER, LOCK, STOCK  
AND BARREL!

AN OUTLAW  
TOWN-- A  
SANCTUARY FOR  
WANTED CRIMINALS!  
IF YOU AREN'T  
A CROOK, YOU  
CAN'T GET IN!  
WHAT AN IDEA!

AND WE'RE SITTING PRETTY!  
THERE'S AN OLD STATUTE IN  
THIS STATE, WHICH PROVIDED  
FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT IN  
THESE MINING TOWNS WITHOUT  
STATE INTERFERENCE! OF  
COURSE, THEY'RE TRYIN' TO  
CHANGE THE LAWS NOW--  
BUT WE'VE GOT LEGAL  
TRICKS THAT'LL HOLD 'EM  
UP FOR YEARS!



YES, THIS IS **OUTLAW TOWN, U.S.A.!**  
A VIOLENT TOWN-- FULL OF VIOLENT  
MEN-- AND STANDING ON THE BRINK  
OF A VIOLENT ADVENTURE!



MEANWHILE, BACK EAST IN GOTHAM CITY, IN THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

MMM--THAT HIT THE SPOT! NOW LET'S GET BACK DOWN TO THE **CRIME LAB**, DICK-- AND SEE HOW OUR EXPERIMENTS ARE COMING.

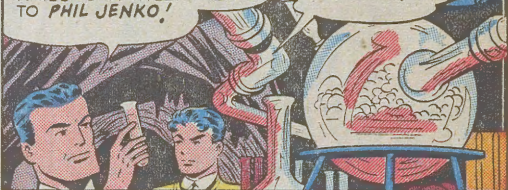
RIGHT!



MOMENTS LATER, AS THE TWO DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE THAT LEADS TO THE **BAT-CAVE**, HIDDEN LAIR OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER**.

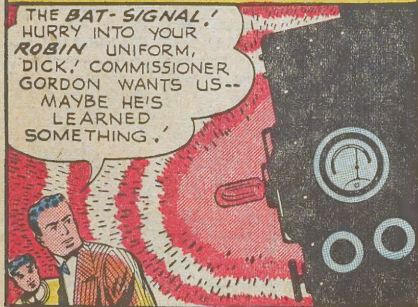
THAT'S IT-- THE IDENTIFICATION IS COMPLETE! THE HAIR WE FOUND UNDER THE DEAD POLICEMAN'S FINGER-NAILS DEFINITELY BELONGS TO **PHIL JENKO**!

THEN, THE ORDER OF THE DAY IS TO BRING IN THE **JENKO BROTHERS**-- AND BRING THEM IN FAST!



SUDDENLY A RED LAMP BLINKS-- AN ELECTRONIC SIGNAL INDICATING THAT THE RAYS OF THE **BAT-SIGNAL** ARE PIERCING THE SKIES!

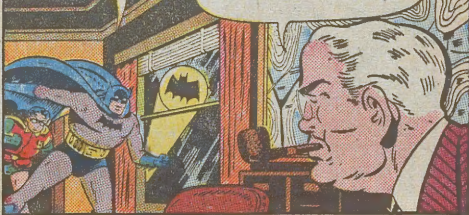
THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! HURRY INTO YOUR **ROBIN** UNIFORM, DICK! COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS US-- MAYBE HE'S LEARNED SOMETHING.



A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB--A WILD DASH IN THE **BATMOBILE**, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARRIVE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

WHAT IS IT, COMMISSIONER? ANYTHING BREAK?

PLENTY, **BATMAN**! I RECEIVED A TIP ON THE **JENKO BROTHERS** TEN MINUTES AGO! THEY'RE HEADED FOR **OUTLAW TOWN**!



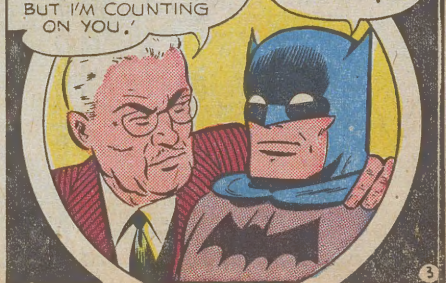
I KNOW I'M SENDING YOU INTO A **LION'S DEN**, **BATMAN**--BUT I WANT THOSE **COP-KILLERS** BADLY! AND YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN FOR THE JOB!

OUTLAW TOWN, EH! I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT PLACE!



YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN, **BATMAN**! EVERY PERSON IN THAT TOWN IS A SWORN ENEMY. YOU'LL BE A MARKED MAN THE MOMENT YOU ENTER THE PLACE! BUT I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

DON'T WORRY, COMMISSIONER! **ROBIN** AND I WILL BRING THOSE **JENKO BROTHERS** BACK!





THAT NIGHT IN OUTLAW TOWN, AS MATT, PHIL AND CARL JENKO FACE A CITIZENRY SUDDENLY TURNED HOSTILE...

MATT JENKO, WE GOTTA ASK YOU BOYS TO LEAVE, ORDINARILY WE GOT NO RESTRICTIONS HERE--BUT YOU'VE INVOLVED US WITH **BATMAN.**

THAT'S RIGHT! WE HEAR FROM THE GRAPEVINE THAT **BATMAN'S** TRAILIN' YOU HERE. THAT PUTS **ALL** OF US ON THE SPOT!



YOU FOOLS! DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT WE'VE GOT **BATMAN** ON THE SPOT. IF HE COMES INTO THIS TOWN, HE'S A **GONER.** THIS IS OUR **BIG BREAK!**



THIS IS **OUR** TOWN! WE CAN **RIG** IT AGAINST **BATMAN** EVERY INCH OF THE WAY! WE CAN **TRAP** HIM HERE, EASIER THAN ANY OTHER PLACE--AND THEN WE'LL BE **RID** OF HIM FOR **GOOD.** LISTEN--I HAVE PLANS...

SAY! THAT MAKES SENSE.

SURE! **BATMAN** WON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST **ALL** OF US!



AND AS WORD SPREADS AROUND TOWN...

HERE YA ARE, PETE--A FIFTY DOLLAR TIP. EASY COME--EASY GO, I ALWAYS SAY!

THANKS, KANSAS--YOU SURE ARE A BIG SPENDER. OH, I ALMOST FORGOT. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT **BATMAN!**



OKAY, GENTS--LET'S SEE THE BETS. AND REMEMBER--NO "QUEER" DOUGH--WE'RE PLAYIN' FOR THE **REAL THING!**

DID YOU ALL HEAR THE NEWS ABOUT **BATMAN?**



HEY--DID YOU HEAR ABOUT **BATMAN?**

YEAH, MAYBE IN A COUPLA DAYS THEY'LL SERVE HIM UP HERE, BOILED IN OIL. HA-HA!



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A FEW DAYS LATER...

THERE IT IS,  
**ROBIN**-- THE  
TOUGHEST TOWN  
IN THE WORLD!  
GET READY--  
FOR ANYTHING!

I'M  
READY!  
LET'S  
GO!

AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE WESTERN  
MUSEUM THAT FORMS PART OF THE SILVER VEIN  
NEWSPAPER BUILDING ...



WE'VE SPOTTED  
**BATMAN**--HE'S  
COMING IN! HA!  
WAIT TILL HE SEES  
HOW WE'VE BOOBY-  
TRAPPED THE  
TOWN!

GOOD! WE'LL  
BE HIDING OUT  
IN HERE! AND  
REMEMBER -- I  
WANT **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**  
ALIVE!

THIS SET-UP  
CAN'T LAST  
FOREVER!  
SOONER OR  
LATER, THE  
LAW'LL MOVE  
IN--MAYBE  
EVEN THE  
ARMY!

BUT IF WE  
HOLD **BATMAN**  
**HOSTAGE**,  
NOBODY'LL DARE  
MOVE IN, FOR  
FEAR OF HIS  
**LIFE**! WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO LIVE  
**LIKE KINGS** FOR  
THE REST OF OUR  
LIVES!

SOON AFTER...

I DON'T LIKE THIS!  
NOT A SOUL AROUND!

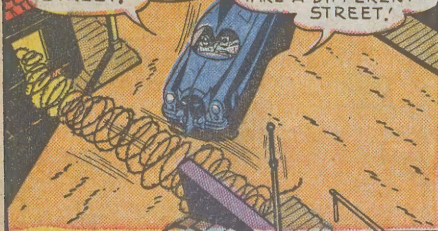
WE'LL HEAD FOR  
THE JAIL-- MAKE  
IT OUR  
HEADQUARTERS!



SUDDENLY, AS THE **BATMOBILE** MAKES A  
TURN...

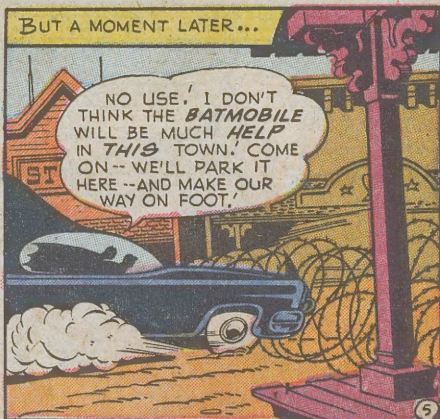
**BATMAN**, LOOK!  
WE ROLLED OVER  
SOMETHING AND SET  
OFF A TRAP! THAT  
BARBED WIRE SPRUNG  
RIGHT ACROSS THE  
STREET!

AN EFFECTIVE ROAD-  
BLOCK! THAT WIRE  
WOULD TANGLE UP  
OUR WHOLE  
TRANSMISSION IF  
WE ATTEMPTED TO  
RIDE OVER IT! WE'LL  
TAKE A DIFFERENT  
STREET!

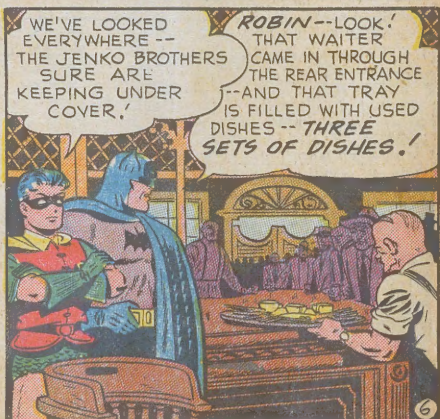
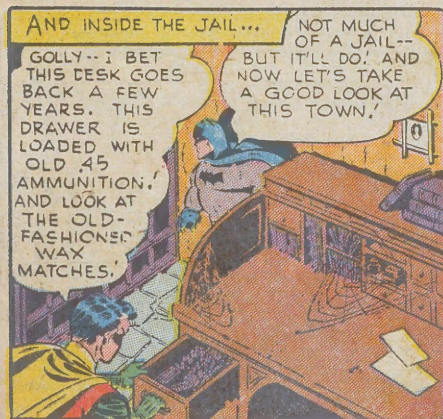
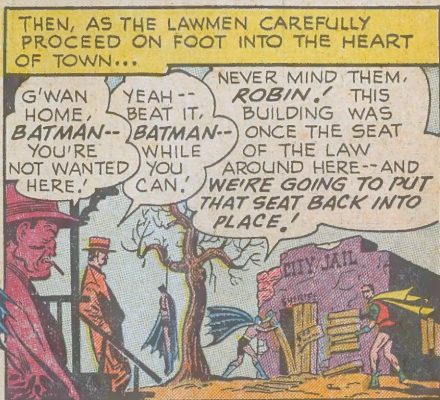
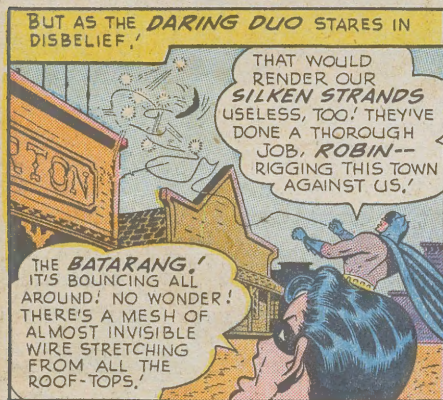
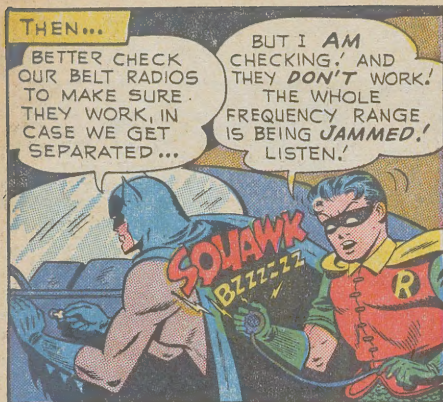


BUT A MOMENT LATER...

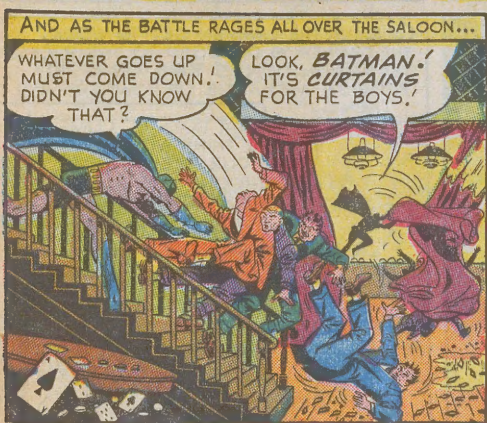
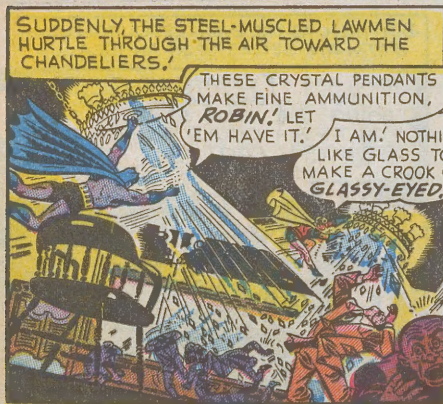
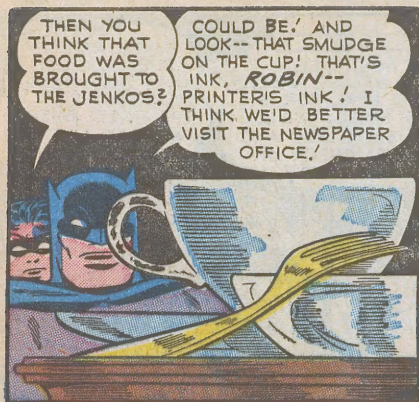
NO USE! I DON'T  
THINK THE **BATMOBILE**  
WILL BE MUCH HELP  
IN THIS TOWN. COME  
ON-- WE'LL PARK IT  
HERE--AND MAKE OUR  
WAY ON FOOT!













AND BEFORE **BATMAN** CAN RESCUE THE HELPLESS **ROBIN**...

WE GOT 'EM, GO TELL MATT JENKO!

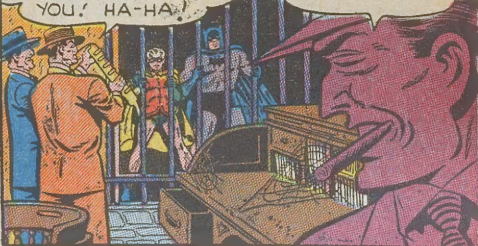
C'MON--WE'RE TO TAKE 'EM TO JAIL, AND NOBODY LIFTS **BATMAN'S MASK**! IF HIS IDENTITY IS DISCOVERED, HE'S NO GOOD AS A HOSTAGE.



SOON AFTER...

YOU WON'T NEED THESE **UTILITY BELTS**! YOU'RE HERE FOR A LONG SPELL! WE'LL DROP BACK NOW AND THEN TO CHECK ON YOU! HA-HA!

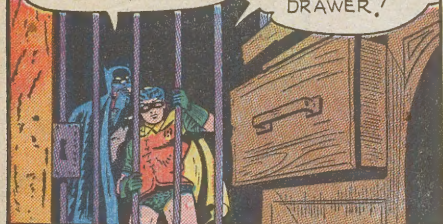
C'MON, BOYS, LET'S PICK UP OUR STUFF AND MOVE BACK TO THE HOTEL WHERE WE CAN LIVE IN STYLE AGAIN!



LATER, WHEN THE CROOKS HAVE DEPARTED...

IF WE COULD ONLY GET TO THAT DRAWER IN THE DESK, THERE'S ENOUGH POWDER IN THAT .45 AMMUNITION TO BLOW THIS CELL LOCK TO PIECES!

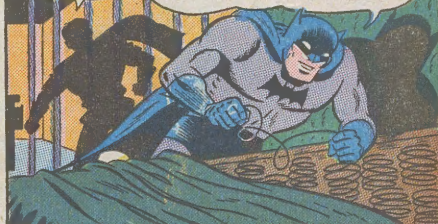
I'M AFRAID IT'S WISFUL THINKING, **BATMAN**--WE'D NEED ARMS TEN FEET LONG TO REACH THAT DRAWER!



BUT THEN, AS THE EVER-RESOURCEFUL **BATMAN** SEIZES UPON AN IDEA...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT SPRING?

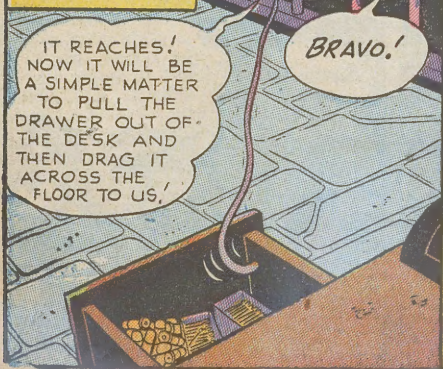
UNRAVELING IT INTO **ONE LONG PIECE OF THIN STEEL**! THIS COULD BE OUR **TEN FOOT ARM, ROBIN**! COME ON--HELP ME!



AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

IT REACHES! NOW IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO PULL THE DRAWER OUT OF THE DESK AND THEN DRAG IT ACROSS THE FLOOR TO US.

**BRAVO!**

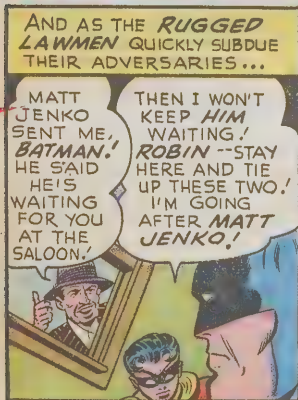
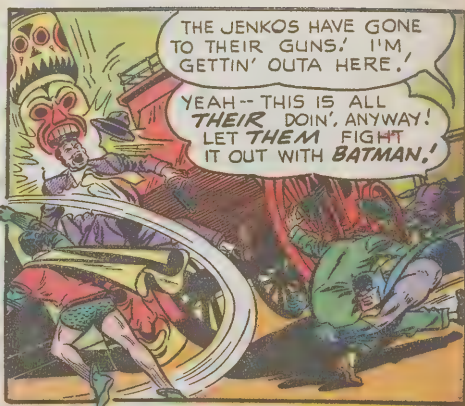
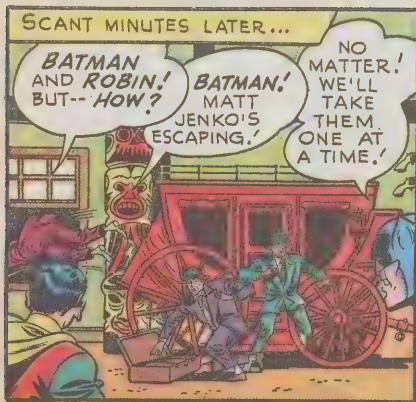


QUICKLY, THE LAWMEN GET TO WORK! THE DRAWER IS DRAGGED TO THEIR CELL--THE AMMUNITION IS TORN APART TO PROVIDE A CHARGE OF POWDER--AND THEN...

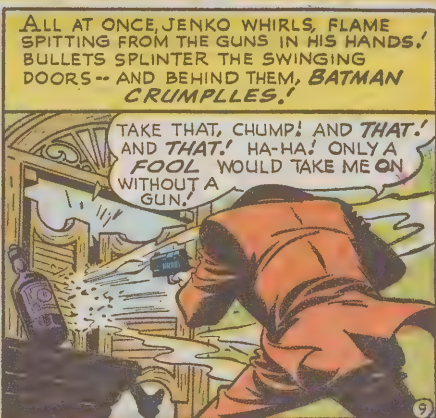
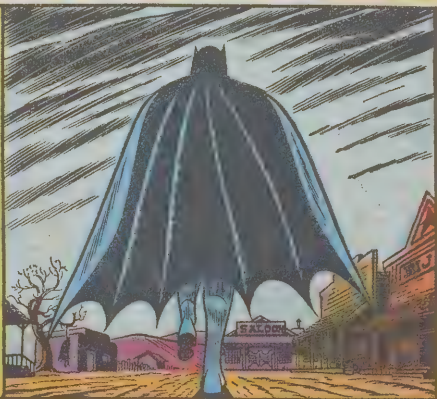
THAT DOES IT! COME ON--I THINK WE'LL STILL FIND OUR PREY GATHERING THEIR THINGS AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE!







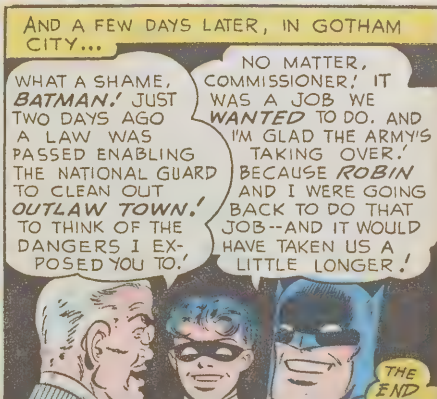
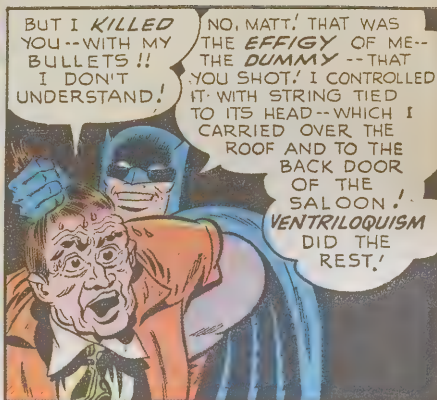
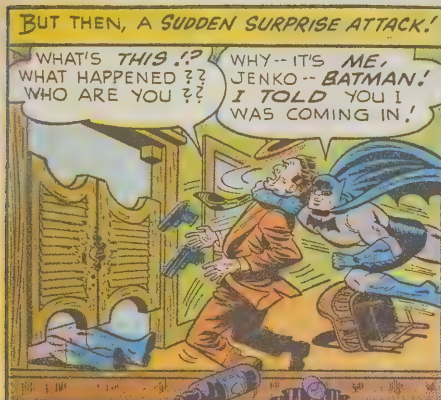
THE TIME-HONORED CHALLENGE -- AND **BATMAN ACCEPTS!** BUT THIS DUEL IS DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF THE PAST. FOR WHILE A KILLER WAITS WITH LOADED PISTOLS-- **BATMAN STALKS HIM UNARMED!**







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look! Keep your hair  
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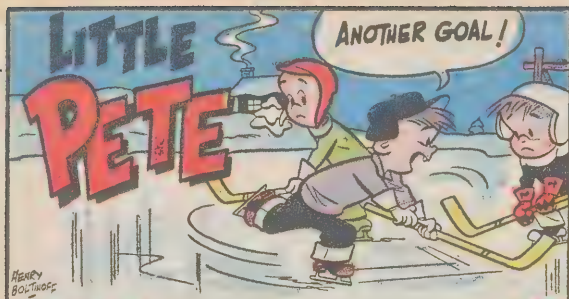
FORMULATED WITH  
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GROOMS THE HAIR  
RELIEVES DRYNESS  
REMOVES  
LOOSE DANDRUFF

IS THE HAIR  
TOO DRY?  
HAS DANDRUFF?  
IS YOUR HAIR  
FALLING OUT?

LOW AS  
**29¢**  
PLUS TAX





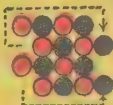
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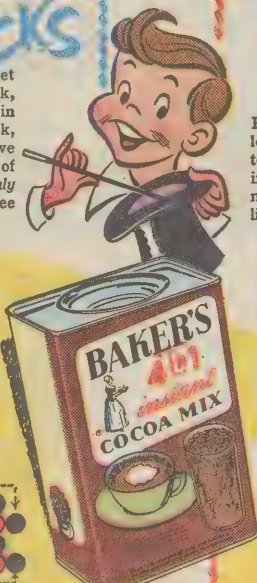
Here's one to try on all the kids. Set up 16 checkers, half red and half black, in four rows of four. Arrange them in alternate rows, one red and one black, like they are in the picture. Then have the gang try to arrange them in rows of all black and all red by moving only two checkers. It's pretty tough—see how long it takes them.



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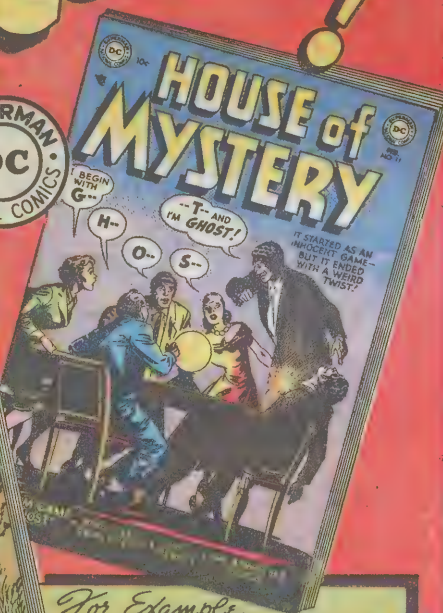
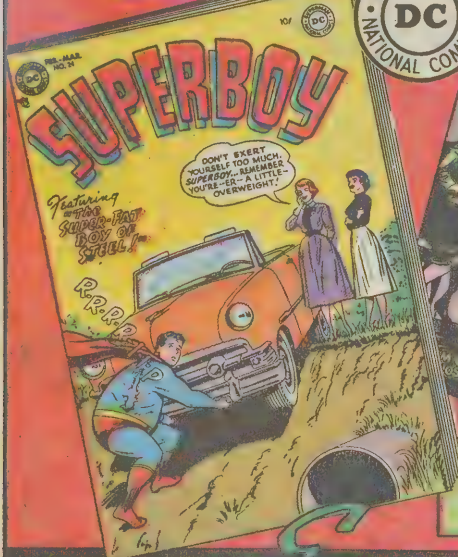


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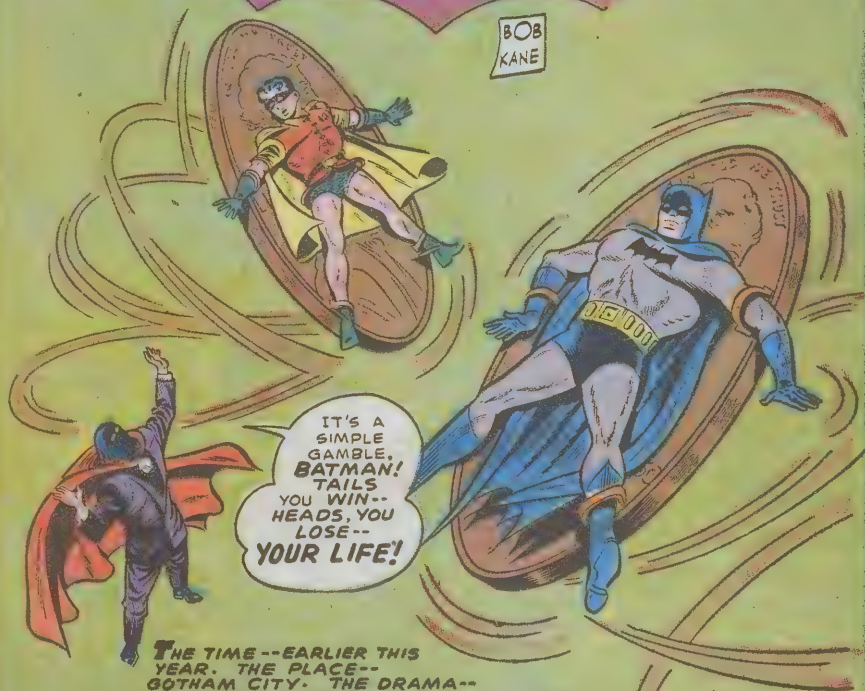
BATMAN



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**THE TIME--EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE PLACE--GOTHAM CITY. THE DRAMA--ONE OF THE STRANGEST EVER TO FLASH ACROSS THE HUMAN SCENE! A HARDENED GAMBLER SEEKS A NEW THRILL OUT OF LIFE! HIS "GAME" BRINGS A GASP TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY! HIS TERROR REACHES OUT TO CLUTCH BATMAN AND ROBIN! THRILL TO THE STRANGEST STAKES EVER WAGERED IN THE STORY OF...**

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ONE EVENING AS A VISITOR CALLS ON VUE MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER VICKI VALE, IN HER GOTHAM CITY APARTMENT...

MY NAME'S MEL HUGHES--I'M A PRIVATE DETECTIVE ON AN ERRAND FOR A CLIENT. THESE PACKAGES ARE FOR YOU!

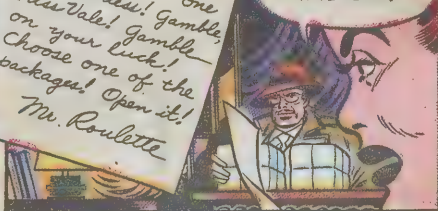
PACKAGES... FOR... ME? WHY---THEY'RE IDENTICAL! WHAT IS ALL THIS, ANYWAY?



IN ANSWER, MEL HUGHES HANDS OVER THE PACKAGES--AND A NOTE FOR VICKI TO READ...

Dear Miss Vale--  
Here are two packages. One is worth \$1,000---one is worthless! Gamble, on your luck! Choose one of the packages! Open it!  
Mr. Roulette

MR. ROULETTE? IS THIS SOME KIND OF GAG? OH, WELL--I'LL PLAY ALONG! I JUST LOVE MYSTERY!



AND THEN, AS VICKI OPENS ONE OF THE PACKAGES...

WHY--IT'S FOR REAL! A \$1,000 BILL--AND IT'S GENUINE! I'M--I'M SPEECHLESS!

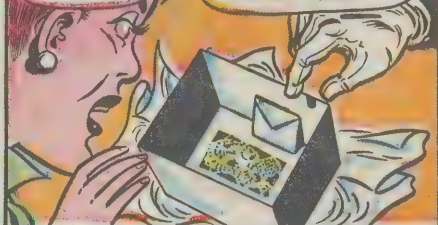
YOU'RE A LUCKY GAMBLER, MISS VALE! YOU PICKED THE RIGHT PACKAGE! NOW OPEN THE OTHER!



A MOMENT LATER...

WHY--THERE WAS ANOTHER \$1,000 BILL IN HERE-- BUT IT DISINTEGRATED BEFORE MY EYES!

YES--IT WAS TREATED WITH A CHEMICAL THAT DESTROYED IT UPON CONTACT WITH AIR. BUT LOOK, MISS VALE--THERE'S ANOTHER NOTE FOR YOU!



AND AS VICKI READS THE SECOND NOTE...

If you opened this package first, Miss Vale, you gambled--lost! But you lost merely \$1,000. I gamble with practically every breath I take--but if I lose, I die! For I gamble with death! If you want a sensational story, come visit me. Mr. Roulette

HE GAMBLER WITH DEATH? BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! AND WHY PICK ON ME FOR ALL THIS?

MY CLIENT HAS LONG ADMIRER YOUR WORK--HE WANTS TO GIVE YOU A SCOOP. I'VE LEFT HIS ADDRESS ON YOUR TABLE. GOOD NIGHT, MISS VALE...

\$1,000---PACKAGES--CHEMICALS--SCOOPS--I'M A LITTLE BEWILDERED, ALL RIGHT-- BUT THIS IS ONE STORY I'M GOING TO COVER!

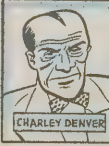





NEXT DAY AT HER OFFICE, AS VICKI ANNOUNCES HER PLANS TO THE EDITOR OF VUE...

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**GAMBLING, U.S.A.**  
THE INSIDE STORY  
of the BIG-SHOT  
GAMBLERS  
IN OUR MIDST




CHARLEY DENVER



RIGGER SIMS

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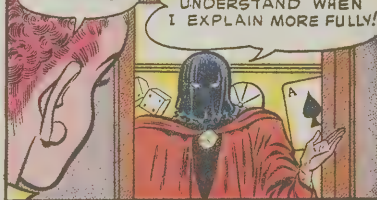
BUT, VICKI!  
OUR CURRENT  
ISSUE IS DEVOTED  
TO GAMBLERS!  
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!  
BESIDES-- THIS  
SOUNDS DANGER-  
OUS! YOU MIGHT  
GET YOURSELF  
HURT!

BUT MINE WON'T  
JUST BE A  
GAMBLING STORY,  
BEN-- IT MAY BE  
A **BOMB-SHELL!**  
AND DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
LITTLE ME! I CAN  
TAKE CARE  
OF MYSELF!

SOON AFTER, VICKI SETS OUT FOR  
MR. ROULETTE'S HOME--AN ISOLATED  
MANSION IN THE HILLS NORTH  
OF GOTHAM CITY, AND  
THEN...

YOU'RE  
MR. ROULETTE?  
BUT--WHY  
THE  
**HOOD?**

TO SAVE MY FAMILY  
EMBARRASSMENT  
WHEN THE PUBLICITY  
I SEEK COMES OUT!  
COME IN, MISS VALE--  
YOU'LL  
UNDERSTAND WHEN  
I EXPLAIN MORE FULLY!

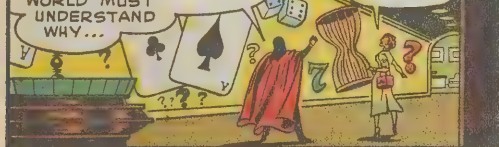


BECAUSE I AM AN AFFIRMED  
GAMBLER! BECAUSE **GAMBLING**  
IS ALL I CARE ABOUT IN LIFE--  
AND ALL FORMS OF GAMBLING  
HAVE GROWN DULL! NO  
LONGER DO I THRILL TO  
BETTING FOR MONEY  
ALONE!



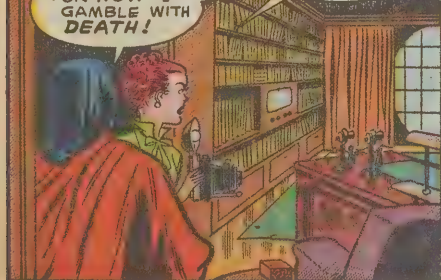
YOU SEE, MISS VALE--  
I MAY DIE **SUDDENLY**--  
TODAY, TOMORROW,  
NEXT WEEK, NEXT YEAR--  
WHO KNOWS? AND  
WHEN IT HAPPENS, THE  
WORLD MUST  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY...

THEN  
START WITH  
ME,  
MR. ROULETTE.  
WHY?




BUT AT LAST I  
HAVE FOUND THE  
ANSWER TO MY  
BOREDOM! I CAN  
**GAMBLE**-- AND  
ACHIEVE THE  
**SUPREME THRILL!**  
FOR NOW I  
GAMBLE WITH  
**DEATH!**

BUT HOW  
DO YOU  
PLAY THIS--  
THIS  
**DREADFUL**  
GAME?



HA-HA! THAT IS MY  
BRAINSTORM! THIS WHOLE  
HOUSE--I HAD IT **EXPERTLY**  
**BOOBY-TRAPPED** BY  
ENGINEERS, DEATH LURKS  
ANYWHERE--OR EVERYWHERE! I  
GAMBLE MY LIFE EACH  
TIME I OPEN A DOOR--  
OR SELECT A  
BOOK--OR TURN ON  
A LIGHT! YOU'LL  
**SEE!**

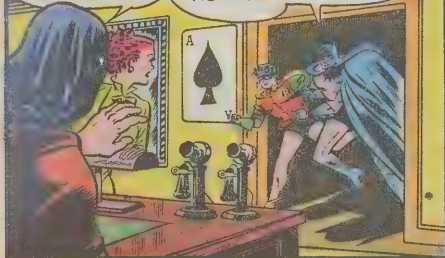




ALL AT ONCE, AN INTERRUPTION!

BATMAN  
AND  
ROBIN!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE!

VICKI'S EDITOR WAS  
WORRIED. HE PHONED  
THE POLICE. **ROBIN**  
AND I ARE YOUR  
BODYGUARDS ONCE  
AGAIN!



AND AS VICKI BREATHLESSLY TELLS  
BATMAN ABOUT MR. ROULETTE, THE  
RING OF A TELEPHONE SUDDENLY ECHOES  
THROUGH THE ROOM...

AAAAH--- THE TELEPHONE!  
NOW I GAMBLE AGAIN!  
WHICH SHALL I ANSWER--  
WHICH IS THE **SAFE**  
ONE? **STAND BACK,**  
**ALL OF YOU-- OUT**  
**OF HARM'S WAY!**

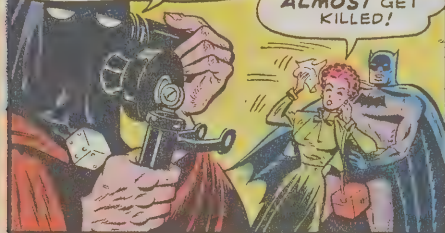
LOOK AT HIM,  
BATMAN--  
STUDYING  
THOSE  
PHONES!  
HE'S WEIRD,  
I TELL YOU!



ABRUPTLY, MR. ROULETTE MAKES HIS  
DECISION! FIRM FINGERS REACH FOR  
ONE OF THE PHONES! AND THEN...

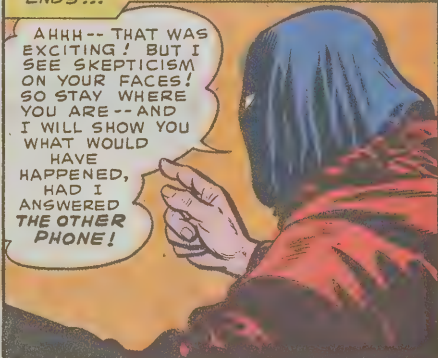
OH HELLO, MR. DUNCAN!  
NO-- MY FREEZER IS  
FULL. I WON'T NEED  
MEAT THIS WEEK!

BROTHER!  
IF HE'S NOT  
KIDDING, WE  
JUST SAW A  
MAN  
**ALMOST GET**  
**KILLED!**



AND WHEN THE PHONE CONVERSATION  
ENDS...

AAAAH--- THAT WAS  
EXCITING! BUT I  
SEE SKEPTICISM  
ON YOUR FACES!  
SO STAY WHERE  
YOU ARE-- AND  
I WILL SHOW YOU  
WHAT WOULD  
HAVE  
HAPPENED,  
HAD I  
ANSWERED  
THE **OTHER**  
**PHONE!**

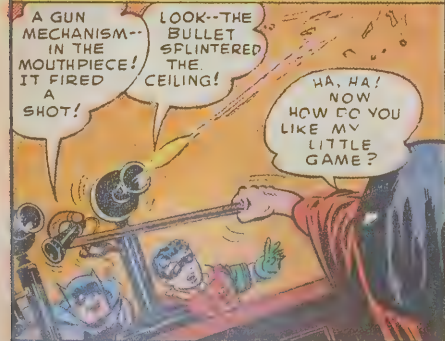


WITH HIS CANE, MR. ROULETTE UNHOOKS  
THE OTHER PHONE FROM ITS  
CRADLE, IN THE NEXT  
MOMENT...

A GUN  
MECHANISM--  
IN THE  
MOUTHPIECE!  
IT FIRED  
A  
SHOT!

LOOK--THE  
BULLET  
SPLINTERED  
THE  
CEILING!

HA, HA!  
NOW  
HOW DO YOU  
LIKE MY  
LITTLE  
GAME?



YOU'LL DO A STORY  
ABOUT ME, MISS VALE?  
THERE'S LOTS MORE  
TO TELL! FOR INSTANCE,  
ALL DEATH-TRAPS  
HERE ARE WIRED  
SO THAT THE **ODDS**  
KEEP CHANGING!  
TOMORROW, THE **SAFE**  
PHONE MAY  
BE THE **DEADLY**  
**ONE!**  
I NEVER KNOW  
FOR SURE!

COME  
ON, VICKI--  
I'M  
GETTING  
YOU  
**OUT**  
**OF HERE!**





SOON AFTER...

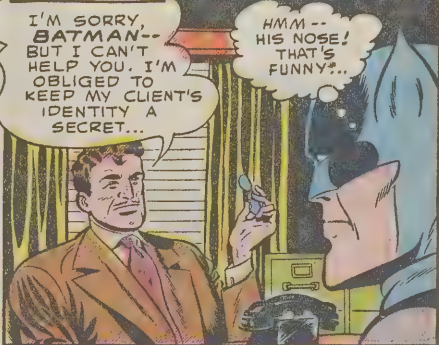
A MAN LIKE THAT  
SHOULD BE  
COMMITTED TO A  
HOSPITAL FOR  
OBSERVATION! BUT  
THERE'D BE RED  
TAPE -- WE DON'T  
KNOW WHO HE IS --  
WHO HIS  
FAMILY IS...

THEN THE FIRST  
THING TO DO IS  
SEEK CLUES TO  
HIS IDENTITY!  
WE'LL START  
TOMORROW --  
WITH THAT  
PRIVATE DETECTIVE  
HE HIRED!

AND NEXT DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF MEL  
HUGHES...

I'M SORRY,  
**BATMAN**--  
BUT I CAN'T  
HELP YOU. I'M  
OBLIGED TO  
KEEP MY CLIENT'S  
IDENTITY A  
SECRET...

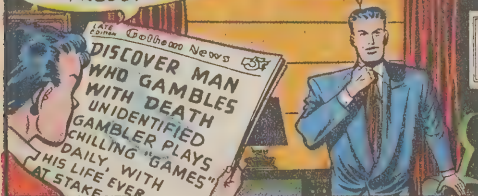
HMM --  
HIS NOSE!  
THAT'S  
FUNNY?..



THAT NIGHT, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**  
PONDER THEIR PROBLEM IN THEIR REAL  
IDENTITIES AS MILLIONAIRE **BRUCE WAYNE**  
AND HIS WARD, **DICK GRAYSON**...

WELL, MR. ROULETTE  
GOT ALL THE PUBLICITY  
HE WANTED!  
VICKI'S STORY HAS  
ALREADY LEAKED  
OUT TO THE  
PRESS!

HMM! I WISH  
I KNEW MORE  
ABOUT THAT  
FANTASTIC  
CHARACTER!



ALL AT  
ONCE...

THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL!**  
LET'S GO, DICK!  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON WANTS  
US AGAIN!

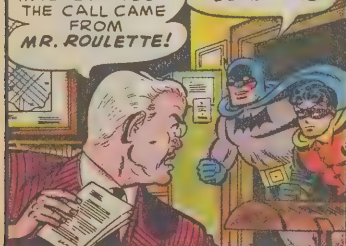
I'M RIGHT BEHIND  
YOU -- AND RARIN'  
FOR ACTION!



LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

A PROWLER  
REPORTED,  
**BATMAN**! I'D  
SEND A FEW OF  
MY MEN, BUT I  
THOUGHT THIS  
CASE WOULD  
INTEREST YOU  
THE CALL CAME  
FROM  
**MR. ROULETTE!**

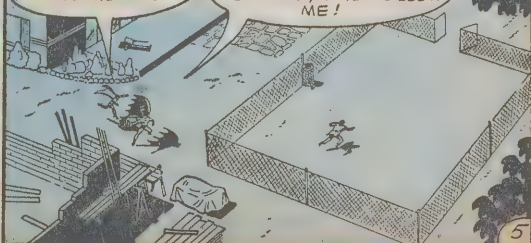
I'LL SAY  
I'M  
INTERESTED!  
COME ON,  
**ROBIN** --  
WE MAY  
LEARN  
SOMETHING!



SOON AFTER, AS THE **DARING LAWYERS** CIRCLE  
MR. ROULETTE'S ESTATE IN A PRELIMINARY  
OBSERVATION...

THERE'S THE  
PROWLER, **BATMAN**--  
ON THE  
**TENNIS COURT!**  
WE'LL HAVE  
TO HURRY!

HMMM! THE DOOR  
TO THE COURT IS  
ON THE FAR SIDE!  
QUICKLY, **ROBIN!**  
GRAB ONE OF  
THOSE SECTIONS  
OF PIPE, AND FOLLOW  
ME!





IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

THESE PIPES MAKE EXCELLENT VAULTING POLES! LUCKY THE GARAGE WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT OUR MAN YET! MORE STRATEGY IS CALLED FOR!



THEN, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN BRING THEIR PRISONER INTO MR. ROULETTE'S HOUSE...

HERE'S YOUR FROWLER, MR. ROULETTE. AN OLD SAFE-CRACKER BY THE NAME OF 'SOUP' DREWS. YOU WON'T BE BOTHERED BY HIM ANY MORE!

GOOD WORK, BATMAN! YOU UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED HIS LIFE! COME-- I'LL SHOW YOU!



SWIFTLY, MR. ROULETTE TWISTS THE SAFE'S DIALS, THEN, ATTACHING A LONG STRING TO THE SAFE'S HANDLE, HE LEADS THE OTHERS BACK AND YANKS THE SAFE DOOR OPEN!

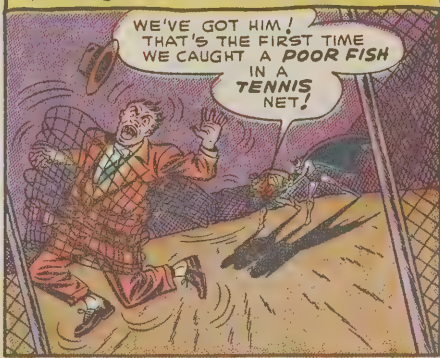
DARTS! RELEASED WHEN THE SAFE DOOR OPENED!

YES, BATMAN-- POISONED DARTS! YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN. 'SOUP'! LUCKY THAT YOU'RE ALIVE!



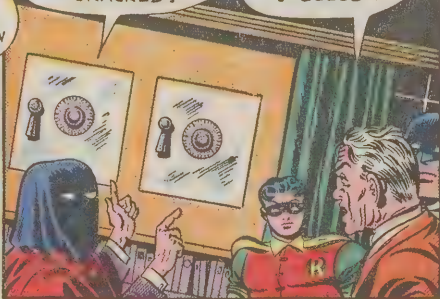
AND JUST AS THE PROWLER REACHES THE DOOR OF THE TENNIS COURT...

WE'VE GOT HIM! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME WE CAUGHT A POOR FISH IN A TENNIS NET!



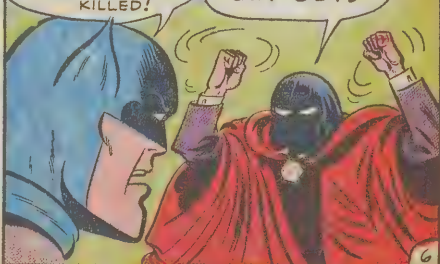
THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND, "SOUP"! TWO IDENTICAL SAFES! TELL ME-- WHICH WOULD YOU HAVE CRACKED?

WELL, I DUNNO! PROBABLY THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, I GUESS ...



I'VE GOT TO ASK YOU TO STOP ALL THIS. MR. ROULETTE! THERE'S TOO MUCH DANGER HERE! INNOCENT PEOPLE-- PEDDLERS, DELIVERY MEN, MIGHT BE KILLED!

BUT YOU CAN'T ASK THAT! IT'S MY WHOLE LIFE! NO! I WON'T STOP! AND YOU CAN'T MAKE ME! THIS IS MY HOUSE! GET OUT! GET OUT!





SOON AFTER...

WE'LL LEAVE NOW, **ROBIN**-- BUT WE'LL DOUBLE BACK! AS SOON AS WE BOOK "SOUP" AT HEADQUARTERS, WE'LL RETURN-- ON THE QUIET!

RIGHT! SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE THERE MAY BE AN INKLING TO MR. ROULETTE'S IDENTITY! WE MUST FIND IT!



HARDLY AN HOUR LATER FINDS THE LAW-  
MEN BACK AT THE HOUSE OF DEATH!  
BUT SUDDENLY...

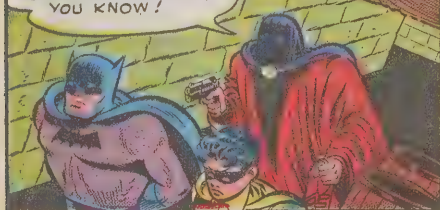
YOU AGAIN! AND SPYING ON ME! TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME COME UP ON YOU FROM BEHIND! BUT YOU **COULDN'T**-- NOT WITH THE **GUM SOLES** I ALWAYS WEAR ON MY SHOES!

I COULD PROBABLY JUMP HIM-- BUT I CAN'T RISK **ROBIN'S** LIFE!



THEN, AS THE GAMBLER LEADS HIS PRISONERS TO THE CELLAR BELOW HIS HOUSE...

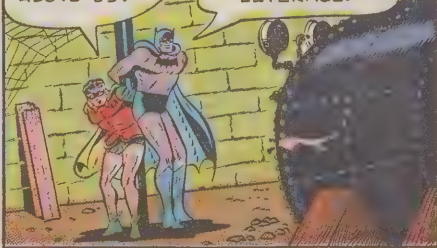
I MUST LOCK YOU UP UNTIL I CAN FIGURE SOME WAY OF DISPOSING OF YOU! I WON'T HAVE YOU **RUINING** MY FUN IN LIFE! AND NO TRICKS! I HAVE YOUR **UTILITY BELTS**, YOU KNOW!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

A FINE THING! TIED UP IN AN OLD BOILER ROOM, WHILE A MADMAN ROVES FREE ABOVE US!

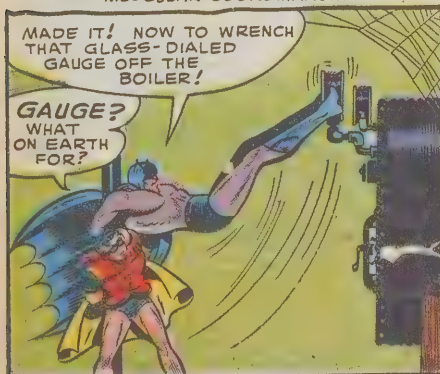
WAIT, **ROBIN**! THAT BROKEN BOILER GIVES ME AN IDEA! BRACE YOUR SHOULDER UNDER MY BACK, TO GIVE ME LEVERAGE!



THEN... AS **BATMAN** DISPLAYS HIS VAUNTED MUSCULAR COORDINATION...

MADE IT! NOW TO WRENCH THAT GLASS-DIALED GAUGE OFF THE BOILER!

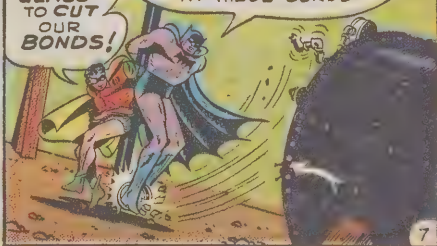
**GAUGE?**  
WHAT ON EARTH FOR?



IN A MOMENT, **ROBIN** HAS HIS ANSWER-- AS **BATMAN** PULLS THE GAUGE LOOSE WITH HIS FEET, THEN SMASHES IT AGAINST THE BOTTOM OF THE STEEL PILLAR...

I GET IT! THE SHATTERED GLASS-- TO CUT OUR **BONDS**!

EXACTLY! AND NOW IF YOU'LL JUST SLIDE DOWN AND PICK SOME OF IT UP, WE CAN START SAWING AWAY AT THESE CORDS!

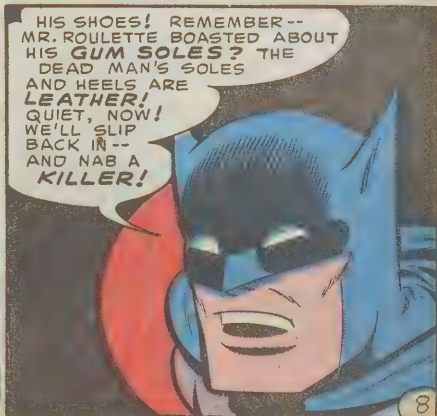
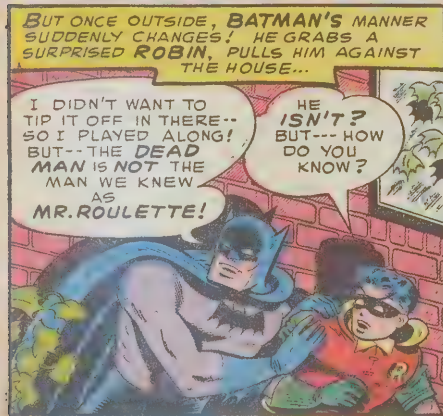
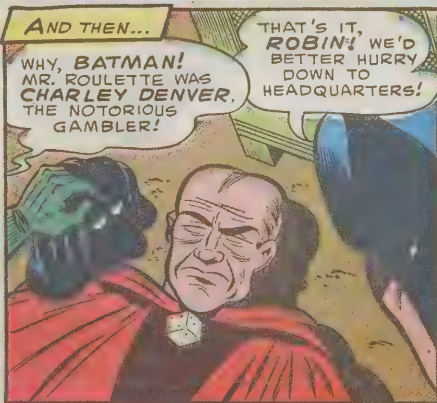
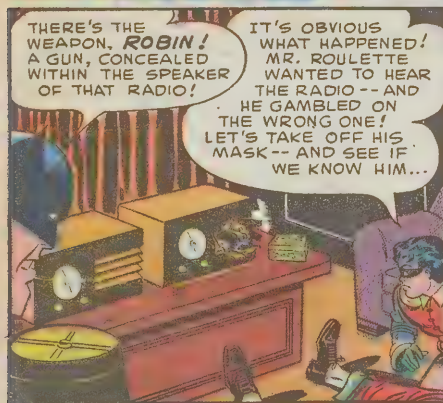
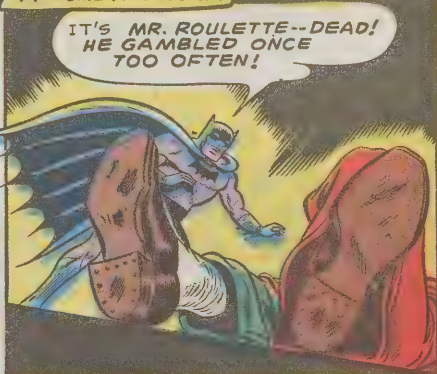




AND THEN, JUST AS THE DARING DUO SLASHES ITS WAY FREE...



A MOMENT LATER...

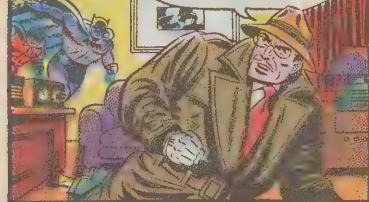




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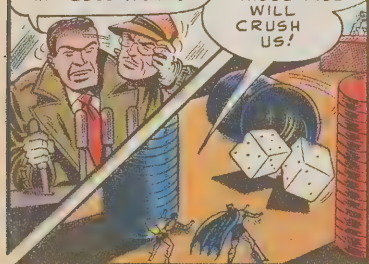
LOOK! IT'S THAT PRIVATE DETECTIVE-- MEL HUGHES!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! SO I DIDN'T FOOL YOU AFTER ALL! BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME YET!



ALL RIGHT! SO I'M RIGGER SIMS, CHARLEY DENVER'S PARTNER! AND THIS WHOLE DEAL AS MR. ROULETTE WAS AN ATTEMPT AT THE PERFECT MURDER! BATMAN! IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD NOW!

LOOK OUT! THOSE DICE WILL CRUSH US!



QUICKLY, HUGHES DARTS FOR THE WALL AND DISAPPEARS THROUGH A SLIDING PANEL! AND WHEN THE LAWMEN HAVE FOLLOWED HIM THROUGH...

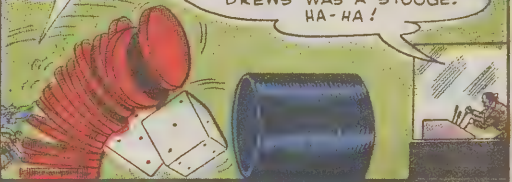
MY GALLERY, BATMAN-- RESERVED FOR JUST SUCH OCCASIONS AS THIS!

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR RUBBER MASK OFF, HUGHES! I SPOTTED IT IN YOUR OFFICE, WHEN YOU REMOVED YOUR PINCE-NEZ GLASSES, AND THEY LEFT NO CUSTOMARY RED MARK ON THE BRIDGE OF YOUR NOSE! BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE UNTIL NOW!



WOW! THIS IS ONE TIME I'M GLAD THE CHIPS WERE DOWN!

HA-HA! THE WHOLE THING WAS A HOAX, OF COURSE! THERE WERE NO DEATH-TRAPS IN THE HOUSE-- EXCEPT THOSE I RIGGED TO IMPRESS YOU AND VICKI VALE! EVEN "SOUP" DREWS WAS A STOOGIE! HA-HA!



AND AS RIGGER SIMS DARTS FOR THE GIANT PINBALL MACHINE...

READY, ROBIN! IN A MOMENT YOU'LL BE A HUMAN PINBALL!

FIRE AWAY! AND WATCH ME ROLL UP A SCORE!



NICE AIM, BATMAN! I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD HANDLE ONE OF THESE MACHINES SO WELL!

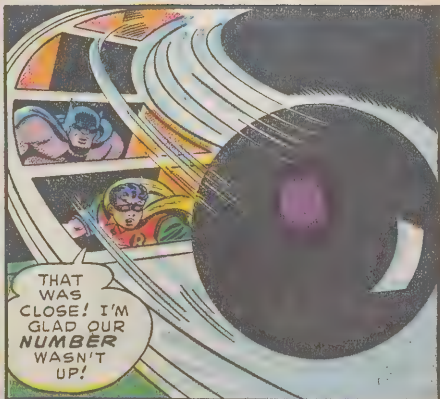
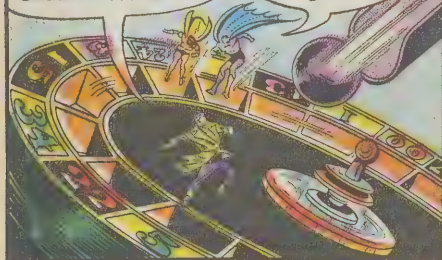




BUT, IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT, SIMS WRIGGLES FREE OF ROBIN'S GRASP! AND THEN, AS THE LAWMEN CHASE HIM TO THE ROULETTE WHEEL...

SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH THE CONTROLS!—THE WHEEL IS SPINNING—THE BALL HAS BEEN RELEASED!

DUCK INTO A NUMBER-SLOT, ROBIN! WE HAVEN'T TIME TO GET OFF!



THAT WAS CLOSE! I'M GLAD OUR NUMBER WASN'T UP!

LATER AT HEADQUARTERS...

AND THEN...

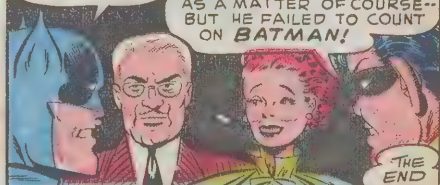
DOUBLE ZERO--THE HOUSE WINS! A FITTING END TO THE CAREER OF GAMBLER SIMS!

HE'S MOVING! LUCKY FOR HIM HE WASN'T KILLED!



YOU SEE, VICKI, SIMS WANTED DENVER OUT OF THE WAY SO HE COULD POCKET ALL THE PROFITS OUT OF A FABULOUS OIL WELL THEY INVESTED IN JOINTLY...

BUT HE KNEW HE'D BE SUSPECTED! SO HE DREAMED UP MR. ROULETTE, AND USED YOU FOR PUBLICITY, VICKI! HE FELT THE WORLD WOULD ACCEPT MR. ROULETTE'S DEATH AS A MATTER OF COURSE-- BUT HE FAILED TO COUNT ON BATMAN!



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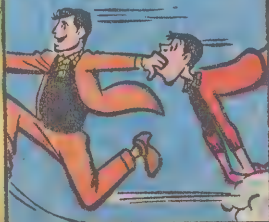
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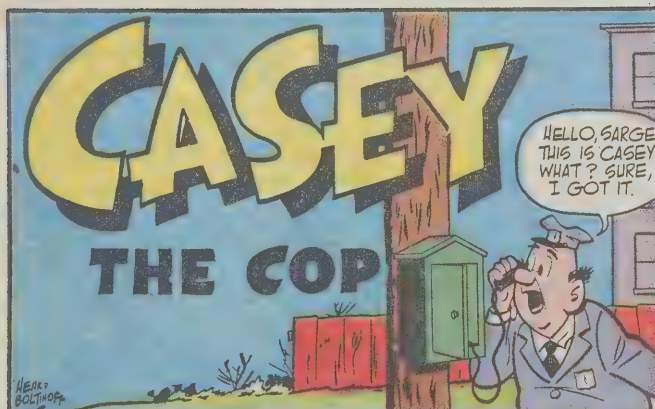
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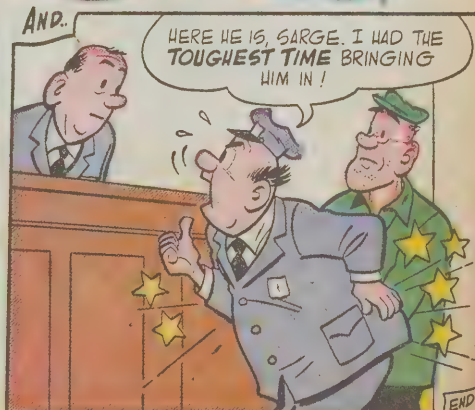
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# STONE WALLS AND IRON BARS



**I**F someone were to ask you when was the prison founded, what would your answer be?

No—you happen to be way off—for, contrary to general impression, the prison is a relatively modern institution—hardly more than 150 years old.

While it is true that the prison had many and varied antecedents, the distinction between the earlier institutions and modern prisons is sharply defined.

During the middle ages, men were confined, some for long periods of time, in castles or other fortress structures—but this imprisonment was during the period of trial, or preliminary to execution. The idea of locking a man up in payment for a wrong done his fellow man, is strictly a modern one. But the earlier places of confinement did serve as the forerunners to the modern prison.

Even more closely connected to the present-day penal institution was the church. It should be recalled that, during the middle ages, the church held complete power of statehood in many sections throughout Europe, had to do its own policing, and thus take its own corrective measures.

The church had long maintained institutions in which all types of persons were confined, ranging from the sick and feeble, to the insane and criminal.

It was just such an ecclesiastical institu-

tion from which John Howard was supposed to have received a great many of his ideas—ideas which he later employed in England. This institution was the house of correction which was erected in 1703 as part of the Papal Hospice of Saint Michael in Rome.

Work by the inmates was done in common during the day, with separate cellular confinement at night. This institution used a system of cells for penitential reformation.

Servitude in the galleys which was used extensively in most European nations, including England, Spain, and France, from about 1500 until early in the 18th century, may be regarded as a form of imprisonment at hard labor. It was also the forerunner of the modern prison as a form of punishment.

Houses of correction for penal treatment came into being in Europe during the 16th through the 18th centuries. These were places for the incarceration of minor offenders, such as vagrants and family deserters.

Typical of this type of institution was the London Bridewall, which was founded in 1557. By an act of parliament in 1576 and again in 1609, each English county was directed to establish a similar institution. And by an act of 1711 the maximum period of imprisonment was fixed at three years.



You can imagine what joy would flow in the hearts of our hoodlums if Congress were suddenly to pass a similar law!

But the prisoners of olden times had other, and worse, things to put up with. Immediately upon imprisonment, irons were attached to their legs—and never removed until they were given their freedom. Again, no attempt was made to segregate the hardened criminals and the petty offenders, all being cast indiscriminately together.

Two famous institutions, the Hamburg workhouse and the Ghent house of correction, were established in 1669 and 1775 respectively. In America, the colonists lost no time in building jails and workhouses, which were constructed soon after settlement.

It must be remembered that none of these old houses of correction were used for the serious offenders. They were given a much more severe form of punishment. Popular at the time, besides the death penalty, were the galleys, physical torture, branding, maiming, the pillory, and transportation.

In England, the pioneer work of John Howard on local jails and the abandonment of transporting prisoners to America—which the Revolutionary War put a stop to—led to the development and improvement of prisons there.

It is believed that the Wymondham Jail, Norfolk, England, built in 1784 to develop certain theories of John Howard's, was the forerunner of the Pennsylvania System in America.

Here, at the time of the Revolution, there were still the common jails, various harsh punishments, but serious offenders rarely were given imprisonment. Then, at the instigation of the Quakers, the Pennsylvania legislature in 1786 decided to punish criminals in other ways.

Capital punishment was restricted to treason, murder and arson. For other

crimes, imprisonment, whipping, and hard labor in public were used. In 1790, the Walnut Street prison in Philadelphia was set aside for prisoners. Here, the more serious offenders were confined to solitary cells, while the less hardened were kept in large rooms and allowed to work during the day. No irons or chains were used. Although a rule of strict silence was enforced in the shop and at the tables, small wages were paid for work, and the hours of work were not excessive.

The Walnut Street prison is generally acknowledged as the beginning of the modern prison. Most American prisons were patterned after it for almost 50 years. Newgate prison in New York City, 1797, and Charlestown at Boston, 1805, were later established along the same lines.

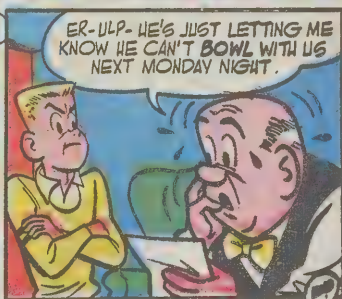
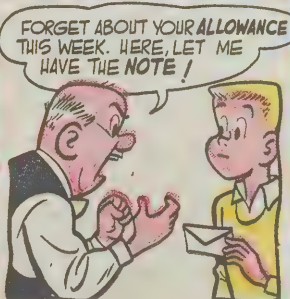
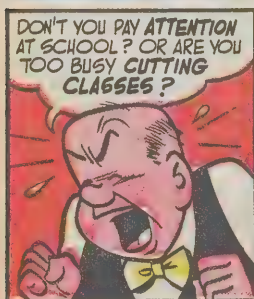
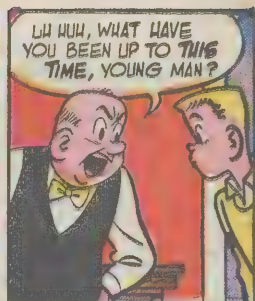
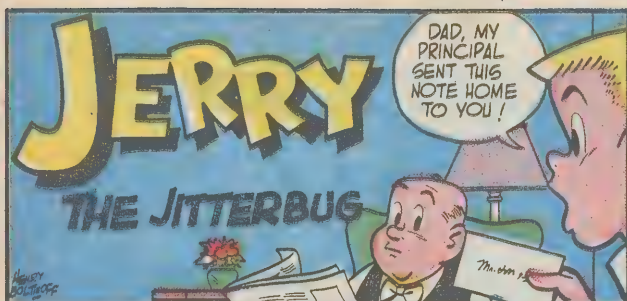
Because prisoners in the Pennsylvania System suffered horribly from solitary confinement, The Auburn, New York prison of 1821, sought to remedy this fault. Prisoners were classified into three grades—the first were the hardened criminals, who were kept in their cells. The second class were less hardened offenders who divided their time between their cells and the rest in recreation and labor. The third class were those considered reformable, who were kept in their cells at night, but were allowed to work together.

This brings us to the final question: What is the function of prisons? What are they supposed to accomplish? Why have them?

Most people maintain that the function of the prison is to prevent the criminal from repeating his crimes. Others believe the prison should serve as a place of punishment for wrongdoing, and as an example to others. Finally, there is the belief of a great many people, particularly penologists, that the chief purpose of the prison is to bring about a reform of the criminal. What do you think?

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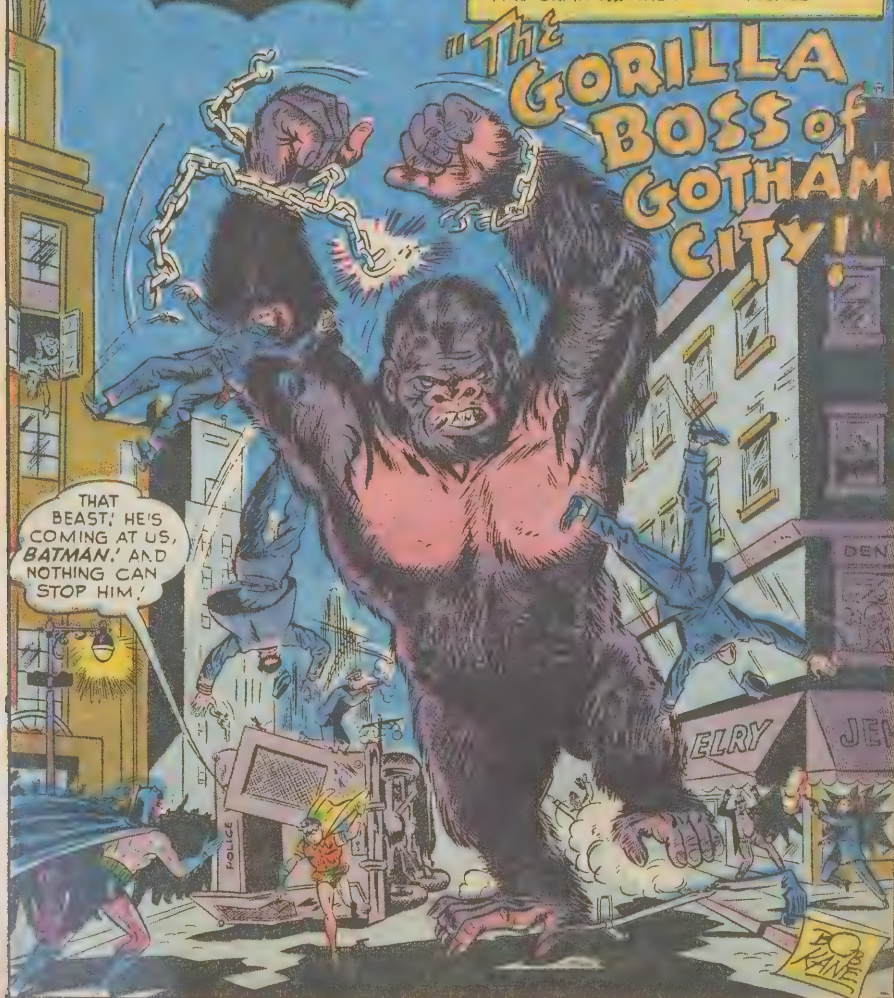
# BATMAN

ROBIN

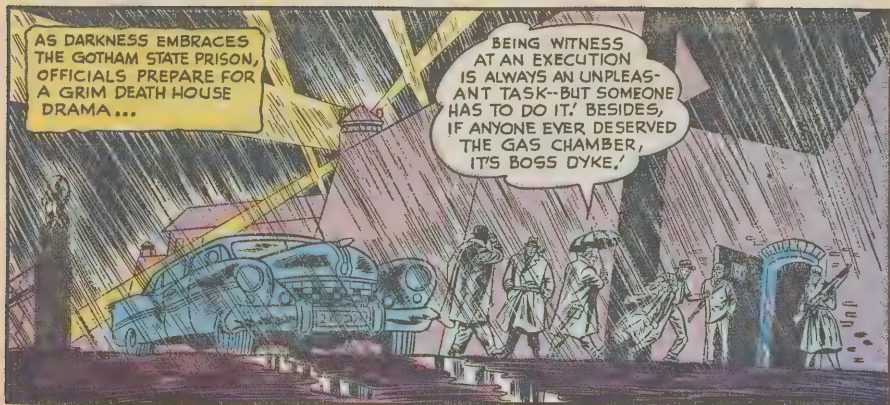
THIS IS THE AMAZING STORY OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST GORILLA. ONCE HE RULED THE JUNGLE, A MIGHTY KING OF THE CONGO. THEN, AS THE RESULT OF AN INCREDIBLE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT, HE IS GIVEN THE MIND OF A CUNNING CRIMINAL, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER MUST FACE THEIR MOST BIZARRE OPPONENT OF THEIR CAREERS... A BEAST WITH BRAINS AND BRAWN... WHEN THEY TACKLE--

## "The GORILLA BOSS of GOTHAM CITY!"

THAT BEAST, HE'S COMING AT US, **BATMAN**! AND NOTHING CAN STOP HIM!



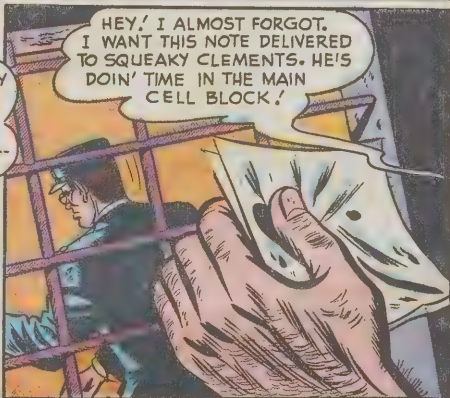




AND INSIDE THE GRAY WALLS, THE LEADING ACTOR IN THIS DRAMA PREPARES FOR THE ROLE HE CAN PLAY BUT ONCE...

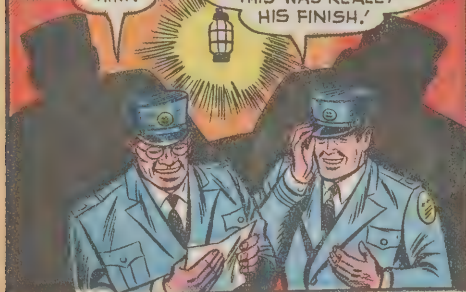
FOR A GUY WHO'S ABOUT TO WALK THE LAST MILE, YOU SURE ARE CHIPPER, DYKE!

HA! I'VE LEARNED THERE'S A WAY TO FIX ANYTHING--EVEN THE **BIG RAP!** JUST WATCH ME! RIGHT NOW I WANT TO DIG INTO THE TURKEY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE--IT'S *SUPPOSED* TO BE MY LAST MEAL! HA! HA!



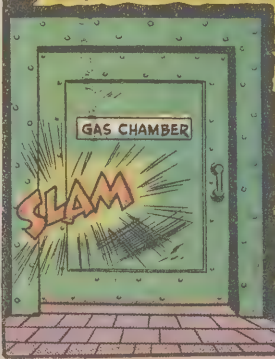
HA, HA! THIS IS SOME GAG. DYKE'S NOTE IS A REMINDER TO SQUEAKY TO PAY UP THE TEN GRAND HE OWES HIM.

CAN YOU IMAGINE A GUY GOIN' TO THE GAS CHAMBER AND REMEMBERING TO DUN A PAL FOR AN OLD DEBT? IT'S... IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS REALLY HIS FINISH!

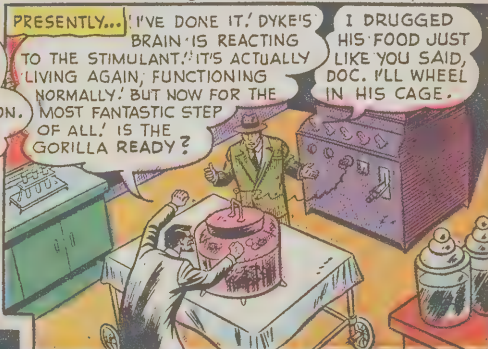
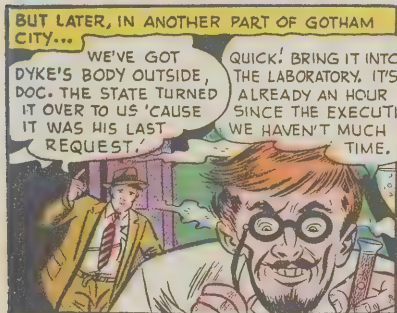
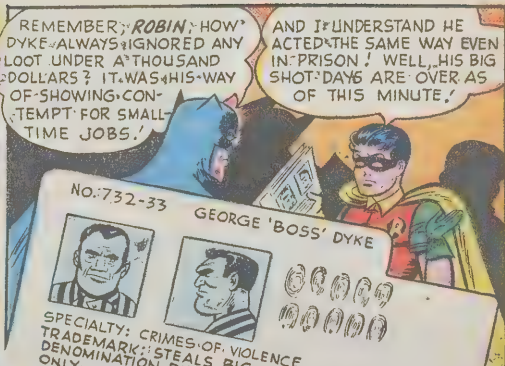
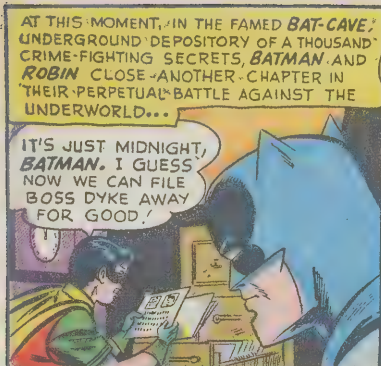


INEXORABLY THE HOURS PASS! AND THEN, THE FATAL MOMENT ARRIVES! AT THE END OF A HALL, A GREEN

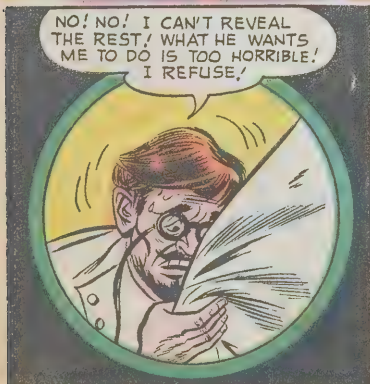
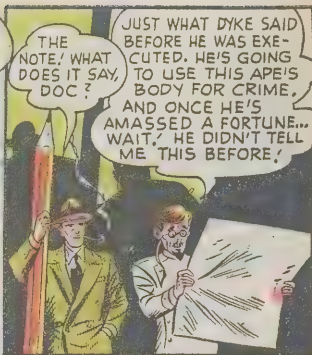
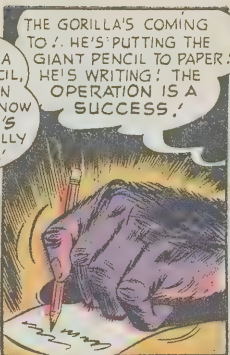
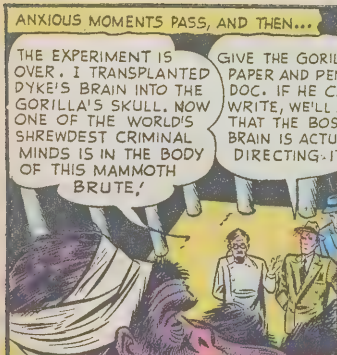
DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES --AND A KILLER PASSES THROUGH TO MEET HIS DATE WITH DOOM...



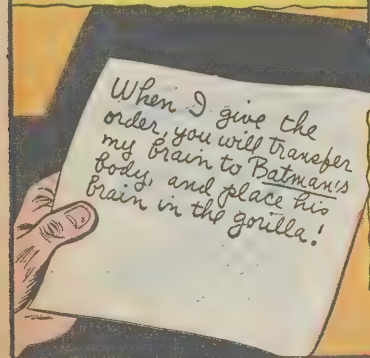








WHAT EVIL PROMISE HAS THIS SINISTER MIND, EMBODIED IN A MONSTER, WRUNG FROM HIS UNWILLING VICTIM? TO FIND OUT, LET US TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE NOTE HELD IN THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST'S TREMBLING HAND...



SUDDENLY, AN AWESOME BEAM OF LIGHT FLASHES ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY AND...

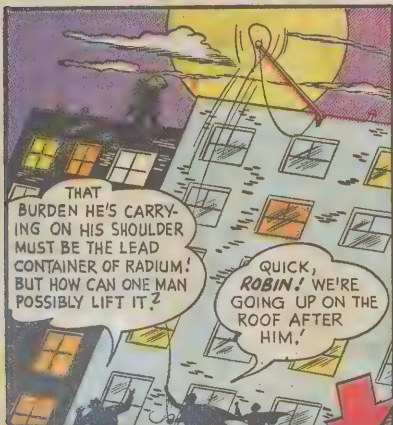
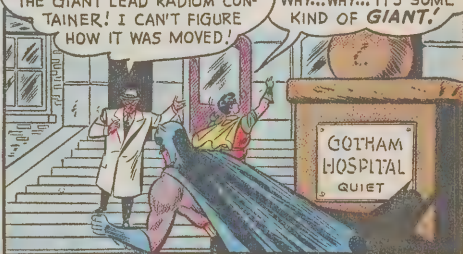
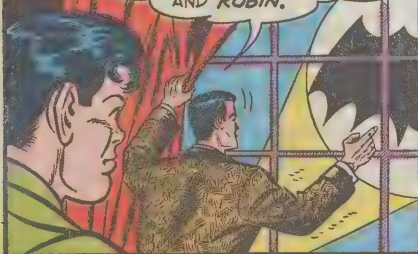
NO TIME TO SPECULATE ON IT FURTHER, DICK! THERE'S THE **BAT-SIGNAL**-- THERE'S A CALL OUT FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME, A RACE ACROSS THE SLEEPING CITY, AND PRESENTLY...

**BATMAN!**

THE HOSPITAL'S RADIUM SUPPLY! IT'S BEEN STOLEN! SOMEHOW THE CRIMINAL MADE OFF WITH THE GIANT LEAD RADIUM CONTAINER! I CAN'T FIGURE HOW IT WAS MOVED!

COMMISSIONER GORDON! LOOK ON THE ROOF! THERE'S A LONE FIGURE! WHY...WHY... IT'S SOME KIND OF **GIANT**!



THAT BURDEN HE'S CARRYING ON HIS SHOULDER MUST BE THE LEAD CONTAINER OF RADIUM! BUT HOW CAN ONE MAN POSSIBLY LIFT IT?

QUICK, **ROBIN**! WE'RE GOING UP ON THE ROOF AFTER HIM!

THERE'S OUR CRIMINAL, **BATMAN**! A GIANT GORILLA-- PROBABLY THE LARGEST EVER SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

HE'S ROCKING THE STEEL FRAME OF THAT WATER TOWER WITH ONE HAND! THE TANK MAY TUMBLE AND CRUSH THOSE BELOW!

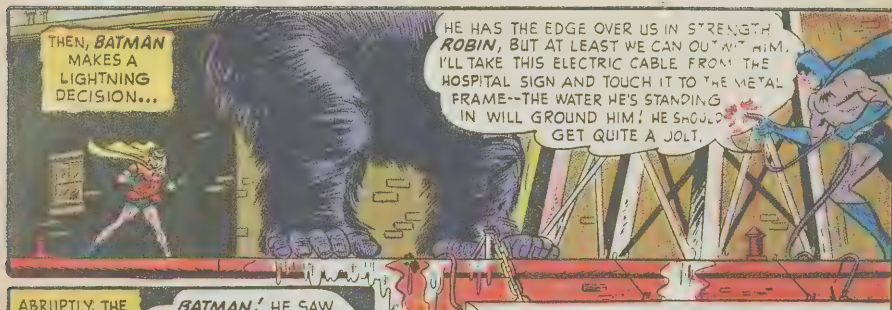
LIKE ACROBATS IN SOME DARING FEAT, THE TWO CRIME-BUSTERS GAIN THE ROOFTOP WHERE...

HE'S HEADED FOR THAT BRICK WALL WHICH SEPARATES THE BUILDING, **BATMAN**! WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED!

CAREFUL, **ROBIN**! THIS IS NO ORDINARY CRIMINAL--HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE STRENGTH OF TEN MEN!







THEN, **BATMAN** MAKES A LIGHTNING DECISION...

HE HAS THE EDGE OVER US IN STRENGTH **ROBIN**, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN OUTWIT HIM. I'LL TAKE THIS ELECTRIC CABLE FROM THE HOSPITAL SIGN AND TOUCH IT TO THE METAL FRAME--THE WATER HE'S STANDING IN WILL GROUND HIM! HE SHOULD GET QUITE A JOLT.

ABRUPTLY, THE GIANT APE ABANDONS THE TOWER AND FLEES...

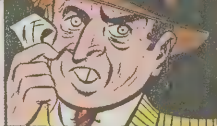
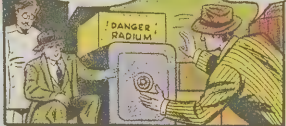
**BATMAN:** HE SAW WHAT YOU WERE DOING! HE STOPPED AND IS RACING OFF INTO THE DARK! BUT HOW COULD AN **ANIMAL** UNDERSTAND THAT THAT ELECTRIC CABLE MEANT DANGER? IT'S INCREDIBLE.

SHORTLY AFTER, IN A DESERTED WAREHOUSE NEAR THE RIVER...

THE GORILLA--I MEAN, **DYKE**-- HAS ONLY BEEN WORKIN' A WEEK, BUT WITH THE RADIUM HE BROUGHT IN TONIGHT, HIS LOOT'S ALREADY WORTH A QUARTER OF A MILLION! SOME DEAL, EH, **GOPHER**?

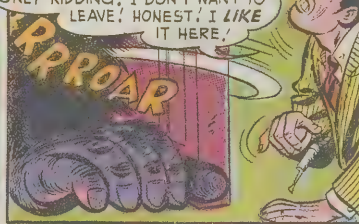
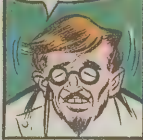
YEAH! SOME DEAL, **HORTON**! HE'S GOT US LOCKED UP HERE WITH THE LOOT.

TAKIN' ORDERS FROM THAT GIANT APE--IT'S WEIRD! I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER, **HORTON**! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.



TAKE IT EASY, **GOPHER**! YOU CAN'T BREAK THE LOCK, AND IF **DYKE** CATCHES YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE...

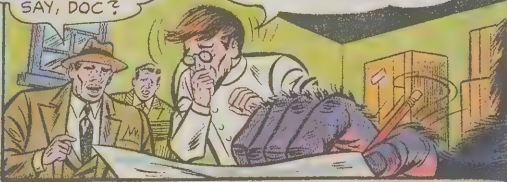
IF I COULD JUST MANAGE TO PICK THIS LOCK, I... **DYKE**! I... I WAS ONLY KIDDING! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE! HONEST! I LIKE IT HERE!



PRESENTLY...

**DYKE**'S GOT **GOPHER** TIED UP FOR PUNISHMENT! NOW HE'S WRITING A NOTE! WHAT'S IT SAY, **DOC**?

IT'S... IT'S FOR ME! IT SAYS, "WHEN I'VE GOT A MILLION IN LOOT, PERFORM THE NEXT OPERATION!" YES, **DYKE**, I'LL DO IT! I PROMISE--EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE MOST HORRIBLE SCHEME EVER CONCEIVED!



AND LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BUT, **BATMAN**, THE CONTAINER WITH THE RADIUM WAS STORED WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS! ONLY A **HUMAN** COULD HAVE SELECTED THE RIGHT ONE!

NEVERTHELESS, COMMISSIONER GORDON, THE CRIMINAL WAS A GIANT GORILLA -- BOTH **ROBIN** AND I SAW HIM!



BUT HE WAS A MOST UNUSUAL GORILLA. HE SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF ELECTRICITY! ANOTHER THING--HE COULD HAVE CRUSHED US WITH ONE BLOW, BUT INSTEAD HE RAN AWAY. I WONDER WHY?

IT'S **INCREDIBLE!**



IF ONLY **BATMAN** KNEW THAT THIS BEAST WITH A TWISTED HUMAN BRAIN IS SAVING HIM FOR AN EVEN **MORE HORRIBLE FATE!**

NEXT DAY, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS THE CITY IN THE POWERFUL **BATMOBILE**...

WE'VE BEEN TOURING THE CITY SINCE COMMISSIONER GORDON PUT THE POLICE FORCE ON EMERGENCY DUTY WITHOUT...

**BATMAN**, LOOK! THE IRON GATE ON THAT BANK GARAGE --THE BARS ARE BENT LIKE WIRE!



LOOK OUT, **ROBIN!** DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT BEAST! HE CAN CRUSH YOU WITH ONE HAND!



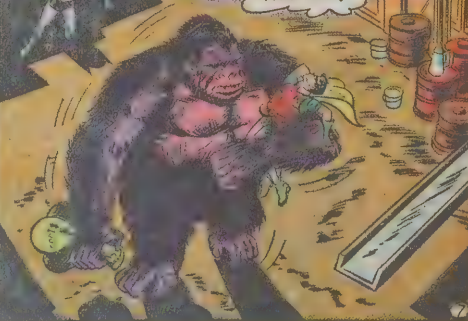
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THERE'S THE GORILLA, **BATMAN!**

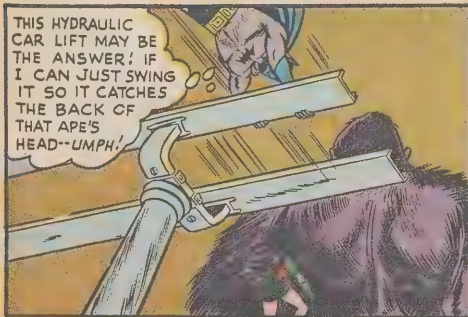
AND LOOK AT THE GUARDS, **ROBIN!** HE'S KNOCKED THEM UNCONSCIOUS AND TAKEN AWAY THEIR GUNS-- JUST AS A **HUMAN CRIMINAL** WOULD TRY TO DO!



MY WARNING WAS TOO LATE! AND NOW I DON'T DARE ATTACK THE GORILLA FOR FEAR HE'LL CRUSH **ROBIN!** BUT I MUST THINK OF SOME WAY TO SAVE THE BOY!



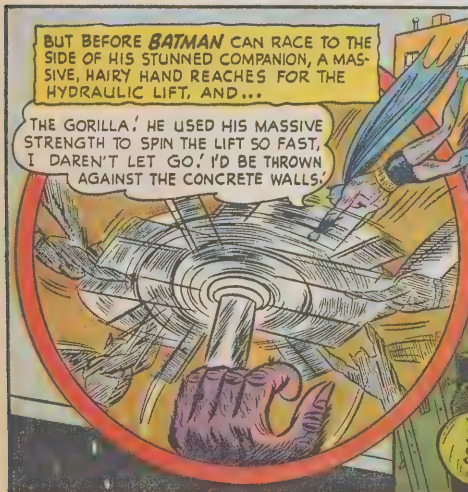




THIS HYDRAULIC CAR LIFT MAY BE THE ANSWER! IF I CAN JUST SWING IT SO IT CATCHES THE BACK OF THAT APE'S HEAD--UMPH!



IT WORKED! HE'S DROPPED ROBIN!



BUT BEFORE **BATMAN** CAN RACE TO THE SIDE OF HIS STUNNED COMPANION, A MASSIVE, HAIRY HAND REACHES FOR THE HYDRAULIC LIFT, AND...

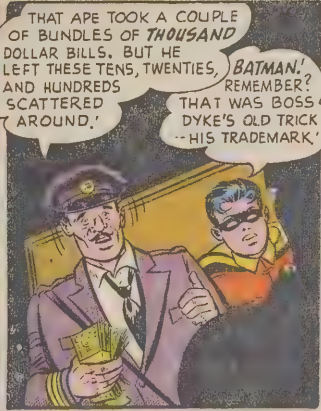
THE GORILLA! HE USED HIS MASSIVE STRENGTH TO SPIN THE LIFT SO FAST, I DAREN'T LET GO! I'D BE THROWN AGAINST THE CONCRETE WALLS!



AFTERWARDS...

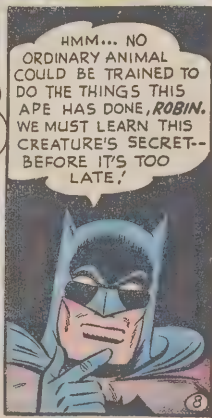
WHILE I WAS SPINNING, THE GORILLA HAD TIME TO GET AWAY. AMAZING THAT A BEAST COULD FIGURE OUT THAT TACTIC!

HERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE AMAZING, **BATMAN!**



THAT APE TOOK A COUPLE OF BUNDLES OF **THOUSAND** DOLLAR BILLS. BUT HE LEFT THESE TENS, TWENTIES, AND HUNDREDS SCATTERED AROUND.

**BATMAN!** REMEMBER? THAT WAS BOSS DYKE'S OLD TRICK -- HIS TRADEMARK!

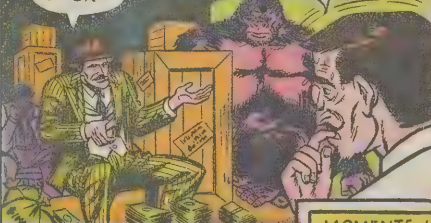


HMM... NO ORDINARY ANIMAL COULD BE TRAINED TO DO THE THINGS THIS APE HAS DONE, **ROBIN**. WE MUST LEARN THIS CREATURE'S SECRET-- BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE WAREHOUSE...

WITH THIS HAUL, THE TOTAL'S JUST SHORT OF A MILLION, DOC. ONE MORE JOB SHOULD DO THE TRICK.

THAT MEANS HE'LL SOON BE CALLING ON ME AGAIN. DYKE, PLEASE! WON'T YOU RECONSIDER? DON'T MAKE ME DO IT.



HE'S SHAKING HIS HEAD! YOU LOSE, DOC! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO IT-- WHATEVER IT IS.

NEXT NIGHT, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

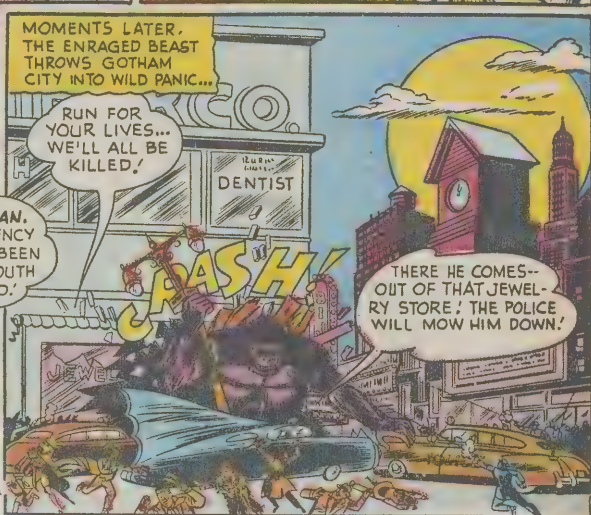
I'M STUDYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INSTINCT, POSSESSED BY ALL ANIMALS, AND REASONING POWER, POSSESSED ONLY BY MAN, **ROBIN**. FROM HIS BEHAVIOR, THAT APE **MUST** BE DIRECTED BY A HUMAN MIND!

MAYBE WE'LL LEARN NOW, **BATMAN**. THERE'S THE EMERGENCY SIGNAL--THE APE'S BEEN SIGHTED ON THE SOUTH SIDE! LET'S GO!



MOMENTS LATER, THE ENRAGED BEAST THROWS GOTHAM CITY INTO WILD PANIC...

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES... WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!



THERE HE COMES-- OUT OF THAT JEWELRY STORE! THE POLICE WILL MOW HIM DOWN!



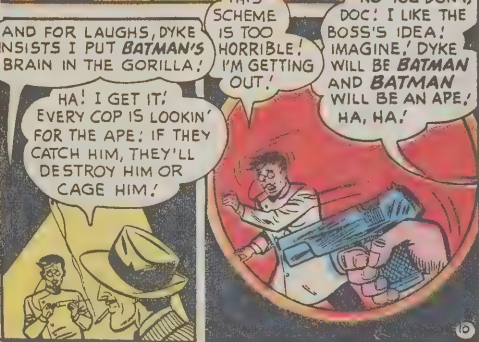
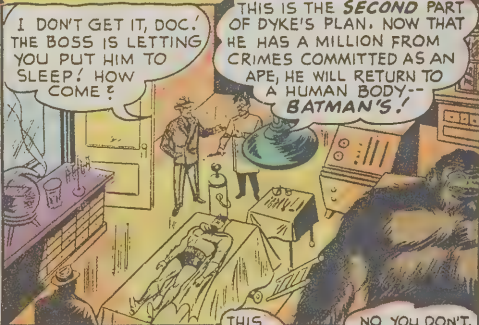
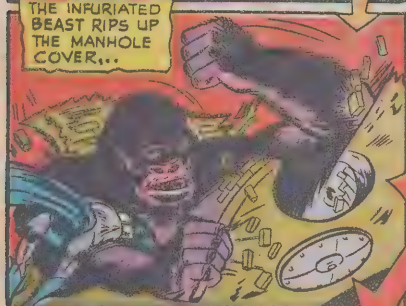
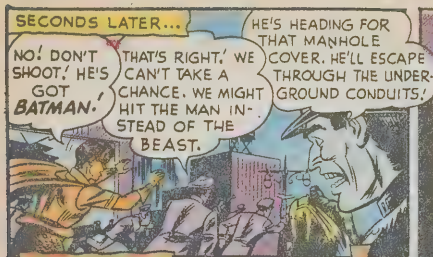
IT'S FANTASTIC, **BATMAN**! BULLETS HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON HIM! HE'S TURNING OVER THE POLICE CAR AND NOW-- NOW HE'S HEADING FOR US!

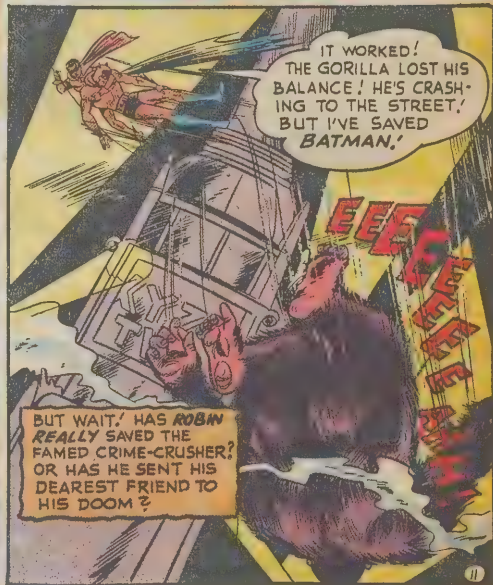
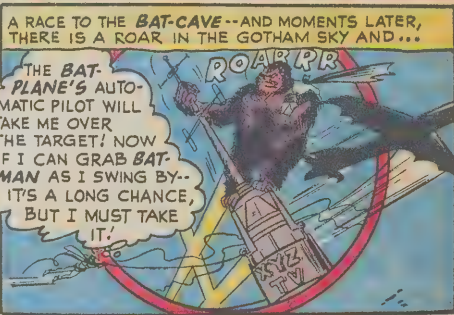
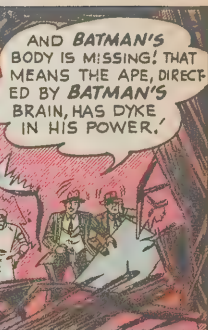
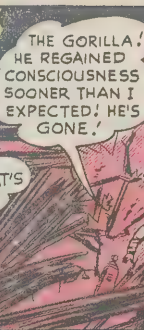
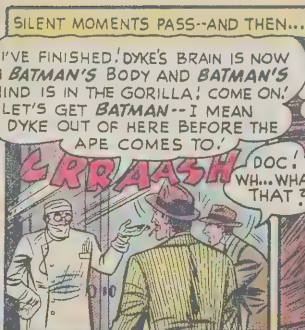
WITH GIANT STRIDES, THE SEEMINGLY INVULNERABLE MONSTER BEARS DOWN UPON THE DARING DUO...

**BATMAN!**  
NO!



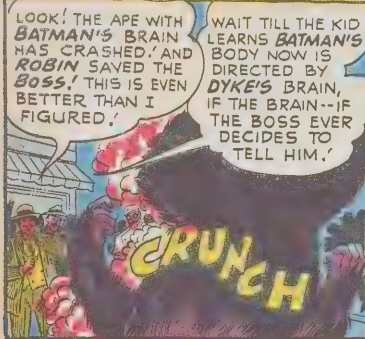




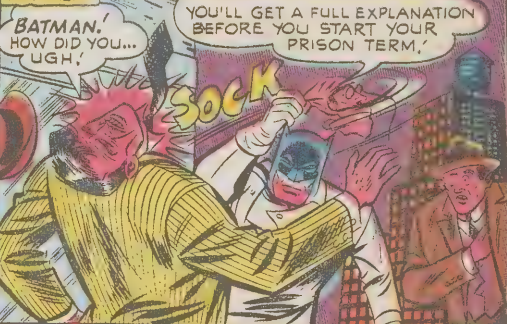




MEANWHILE, ON THE STREET FAR BELOW...



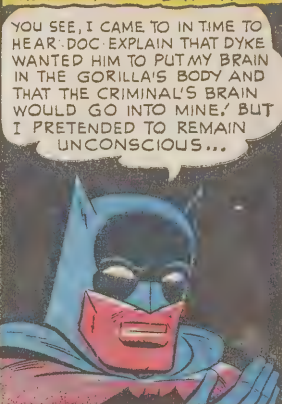
BUT SUDDENLY, "DOC" MAKES A LIGHTNING MOVE TO REVEAL...



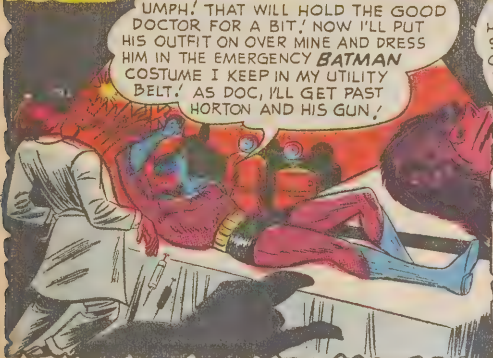
LATER...



AND LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...



"...AND WHEN DOC APPROACHED TO ADMINISTER THE ANAESTHETIC..."



BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THE GORILLA TO REVIVE SO SOON! WHEN HE DID, DYKE--HIS BRAIN STILL IN THE GORILLA, OF COURSE--SAW DOC, DRESSED AS BATMAN, AND MUST HAVE THOUGHT THE OPERATION HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL! ENRAGED, HE RUSHED OUT WITH HIM TO DESTROY HIM!

THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE DROVE DOC MAD. HE'S UNABLE TO EXPLAIN TO MEDICAL AUTHORITIES HOW HE TRANSFERRED DYKE'S BRAIN TO THE APE! PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S JUST AS WELL! YOU KNOW, BATMAN--I THINK GOTHAM CITY WILL SLEEP EASIER TONIGHT... I KNOW I WILL!!



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ARMS. My heroic CHEST. My  
wide manly SHOULDERS. My  
POPULARITY with boys. The  
way GIRLS go for me—once  
so girl-shy. My new prowess  
in SPORTS. My new quickness  
in STUDIES. My  
double-energy at work.

There's that  
skinny scarecrow  
JOHN. Let's  
pass him by!



John Sill  
before



JOHN SILL  
was a 125 lb.  
6 ft. WEAKLING  
LOOK at him NOW.  
A MOVIE-STAR HE-MAN  
from Head to Toe

as YOU  
can be!  
soon!

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don't have to be  
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